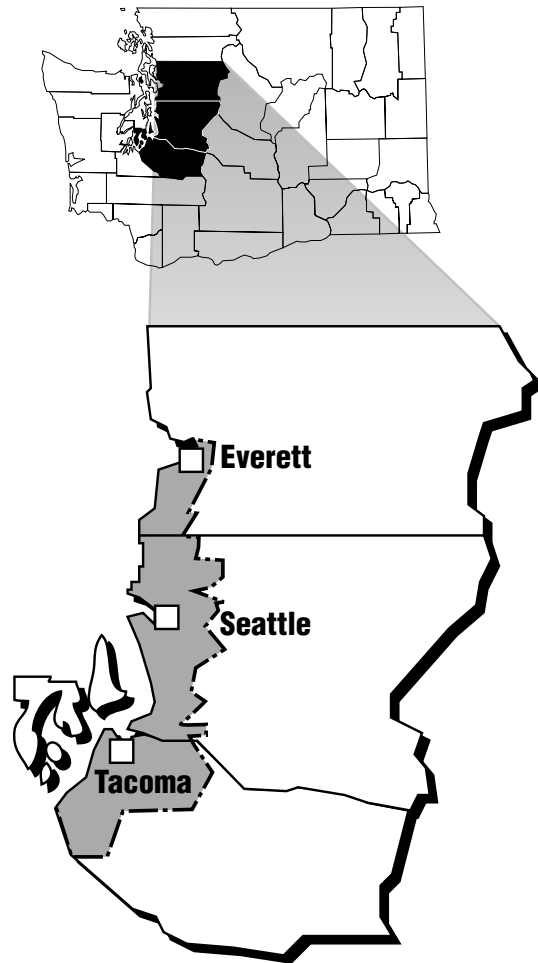


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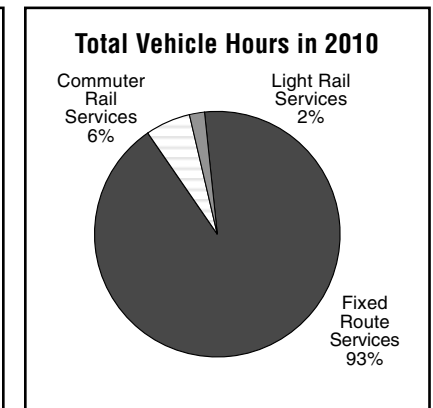
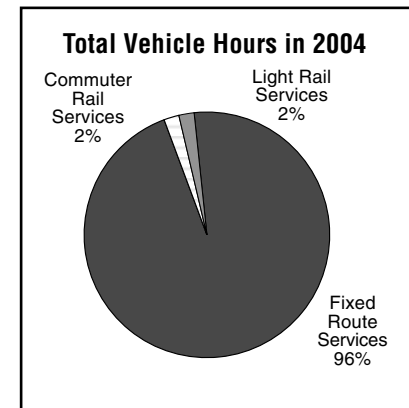
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System Snapshot

- Operating Name: Sound Transit (Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority)
- Service Area: Urbanized area of King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties
- Congressional Districts: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9
- Legislative Districts: 1, 2, 5, 11, 21, 25, 27-34, 36-38, 41, and 43-48
- Type of Government: Regional Transit Authority
- Governing Body: 18-member board currently consists of the state Secretary of Transportation; the King County executive and four King County councilmembers; the Pierce County executive; the Snohomish County executive; the mayors of Seattle and Bellevue; one councilmember each from Issaquah, Lakewood, Mill Creek, Kenmore, Seattle, Sumner, Tacoma, Bellevue, and Everett.
- Tax Authorized: 0.4 percent sales and use tax and 0.3 percent motor vehicle excise tax approved in November 1996.



Sound Transit

- Types of Service: Express bus routes within and between Pierce and King Counties, and between Snohomish and King Counties, commuter rail between Tacoma and Seattle and between Everett and Seattle, and light rail service in downtown Tacoma.
- Days of Service: Daily, between 2:45 a.m. and 12:15 a.m.
- Base Fare: Zone-based structure, \$1.25 single zone fare for Express bus service and \$2.00 for Sounder commuter rail, light rail service is free.

Current Operations

Sound Transit contracts with:

- Pierce Transit to provide:
 - Three intercity commuter routes (two between Tacoma and Seattle and one between Bonney Lake and Tacoma); and
 - Three suburban intercity routes (one between Lakewood and Seattle via Tacoma, one between Lakewood and SeaTac, and one between Lakewood and Auburn).
- King County Metro Transit to provide:
 - Two urbanized commuter routes (Issaquah/Seattle); and
 - Five suburban intercity routes (between Bellevue and Seattle, Bellevue and SeaTac, Bellevue and Federal Way, Redmond and the University of Washington, and between SeaTac and Seattle via Burien).
- Community Transit to provide:
 - Three intercity commuter routes (one between Everett and Bellevue via Lynnwood, one between Everett and Seattle via Lynnwood, and one between Northgate and Everett); and
 - Two suburban intercity routes (one between Everett and Bellevue and one between Everett and Seattle via Lynnwood).

Commuter routes operate only on weekdays. Suburban intercity routes operate everyday, except four of the King County routes that operate weekdays only.

Sound Transit contracts with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) to provide Sounder commuter rail service between Seattle and Tacoma, with three round trips daily and stops at seven stations, and between Seattle and Everett, with one daily round trip and stops at three stations. Sound Transit contracts with Amtrak for maintenance of Sounder trains.

Sound Transit also operates Tacoma Link Light Rail. The 1.6-mile light rail line runs seven days a week between Tacoma Dome Station at Freighthouse Square and the city's historic Theater District.



Revenue Service Vehicles

Fixed Route – 197 buses, all ADA accessible, with models ranging from 1999 to 2001.

Commuter Rail – 58 rail cars and 11 locomotives.

Light Rail – three electric-powered light rail cars.

Facilities

Sound Transit has administrative offices at Union Station near downtown Seattle and community offices in Seattle and Tacoma.

Sound Transit also has seven commuter rail stations in Seattle, Tukwila, Kent, Auburn, Puyallup, Sumner, and Tacoma.

Intermodal Connections

Sound Transit's ST Express bus service provides connections with Amtrak at Seattle's King Street Station and Tacoma's Amtrak station, as well as the Greyhound bus depots in Seattle, Everett, and Tacoma. The ST Express commuter service also serves downtown Seattle's ferry terminal for Washington State Ferries.

Sound Transit serves a total of 72 park-and-ride lots and transit centers in the Puget Sound region.

The bus service also provides connections with King County Metro Transit in Seattle, Bellevue, Federal Way, Redmond, Auburn, Burien, and SeaTac; Pierce Transit in Tacoma, Gig Harbor, Bonney Lake, and Lakewood; Community Transit in Everett and Lynnwood; Everett Transit in Everett; and Intercity Transit in Tacoma and Lakewood.

The new Tacoma Link Light Rail serves the Tacoma Dome Station providing connections to ST Express regional bus service; Pierce Transit local bus service; Sound Transit's Sounder commuter rail; Greyhound buses; nearby Amtrak intercity rail service; and two parking garages with 2,400 park-and-ride spaces.



2004 Achievements

- Completed first two direct access ramps in Washington State.
- Served over 10 million passengers, including nearly 8.4 million on ST Express, over 955,000 on Sounder, and nearly 800,000 on Tacoma Link.
- Awarded the Central Link light rail vehicle contract.

2005 Objectives

- Complete the Ash Way Transit Access/164th SW project.
- Complete the Redondo Heights Park-and-Ride.
- Complete SR 900 Park-and-Ride Arterial Improvements.
- Complete preliminary engineering and start final design on the Tacoma-Lakewood track and facilities commuter rail segment.
- Add one round trip to each Sounder commuter rail line.
- Get entire Central Link initial segment corridor under construction.

Long-range (2006 through 2010) Plans

- Complete track and signal work for Sounder commuter rail between Seattle and Everett and Seattle and Tacoma.
- Complete purchase and upgrade of the Tacoma to Lakewood rail line for Sounder commuter train service.
- Add new Sounder stations and parking at Mukilteo, South Tacoma, and Lakewood; upgrade stations and/or parking facilities at Everett, Edmonds, Sumner, and Puyallup.
- Increase Sounder service to four round trips on weekdays (Everett-Seattle) and nine weekday round trips (Lakewood-Tacoma-Seattle).
- Complete transit centers or freeway bus stops and/or direct access ramps at Federal Way, Kirkland, Issaquah, Totem Lake, North Everett, South Everett, Issaquah Highlands, Mercer Island, and Mountlake Terrace.
- Complete park and ride lots at Everett Station, Sammamish, Lynwood, Mercer Island, Federal Way, and Issaquah Highlands.
- Take delivery of 26 long-haul transit buses, 32 60-foot, low floor articulated buses, and four 40-foot buses for ST Express service.
- Increase service frequency and hours on several ST Express bus routes.
- Take delivery of 31 articulated, low floor light rail vehicles for Link.
- Complete construction of the maintenance facility and the 14-mile initial segment of Link light rail including stations at:
 - Westlake Center (Seattle bus/light rail tunnel modification)
 - University Street (Seattle bus/light rail tunnel modification)
 - Pioneer Square (Seattle bus/light rail tunnel modification)
 - International District (Seattle bus/light rail tunnel modification)
 - SODO/S Lander Street
 - Beacon Hill
 - Mount Baker/S McClellan Street
 - Columbia City/S Edmunds Street
 - Othello/New Holly
 - Rainier Beach
 - Tukwila International Boulevard
- Complete engineering and design work on the North Link extension of light rail from downtown Seattle through First Hill, Capitol Hill, the University of Washington, Roosevelt to Northgate, and on Airport Link extension from Tukwila to Sea-Tac, and South 200th Street.
- Begin light rail service on the initial segment of Link light rail between Westlake Center in Seattle and Tukwila International Boulevard station in Tukwila, with connecting shuttle bus service to Sea-Tac Airport.

	2002	2003	2004	% Change	2005	2006	2007	2010
Annual Operating Information								
Service Area Population	2,600,000	2,751,970	2,771,127	0.70%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Express Bus Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	293,542	329,744	378,529	14.79%	388,499	416,203	422,041	423,315
Total Vehicle Hours	445,939	493,448	541,089	9.65%	555,340	594,942	603,288	605,109
Revenue Vehicle Miles	7,557,252	8,413,612	9,232,465	9.73%	9,475,627	10,151,345	10,293,751	10,324,822
Total Vehicle Miles	9,685,465	10,693,880	11,767,141	10.04%	12,077,061	12,938,290	13,119,792	13,159,393
Passenger Trips	6,388,162	7,399,914	8,394,273	13.44%	8,500,000	9,000,000	9,400,000	9,500,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	1,546,516	1,691,665	1,846,997	9.18%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
CNG Fuel Consumed (Therms)	0	0	738,290	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	11	11	24	118.18%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	110	113	117	3.54%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	36.0	37.0	26.0	-29.73%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$48,121,000	\$45,991,000	\$52,064,990	13.21%	\$61,479,756	\$71,261,357	\$77,576,752	\$81,264,613
Farebox Revenues	\$8,761,878	\$9,781,000	\$10,942,521	11.88%	\$11,400,000	\$12,100,000	\$12,600,000	\$12,800,000
Souder Commuter Rail Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	7,595	9,769	11,732	20.09%	12,988	17,824	25,956	38,192
Total Vehicle Hours	9,494	12,161	11,732	-3.53%	12,988	17,824	25,956	38,192
Revenue Vehicle Miles	298,484	381,996	434,096	13.64%	511,019	719,684	1,240,343	1,596,157
Total Vehicle Miles	302,281	386,862	434,096	12.21%	511,019	719,684	1,240,343	1,596,157
Passenger Trips	817,405	751,163	955,298	27.18%	1,100,000	1,400,000	1,900,000	2,400,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	383,756	487,847	603,441	23.69%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	2	0	2	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	1	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	17.0	25.0	17.0	-32.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$15,251,000	\$13,610,000	\$16,019,009	17.70%	\$21,216,166	\$27,753,955	\$33,736,189	\$35,297,755
Farebox Revenues	\$1,613,000	\$1,843,000	\$2,263,014	22.79%	\$2,500,000	\$2,900,000	\$3,100,000	\$4,100,000

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	2002	2003	2004	% Change	2005	2006	2007	2010
Tacoma Link Light Rail Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	0	3,467	9,971	187.60%	10,011	10,011	10,011	10,011
Total Vehicle Hours	0	3,467	9,971	187.60%	10,011	10,011	10,011	10,011
Revenue Vehicle Miles	0	34,387	96,420	180.40%	97,274	97,274	97,274	97,274
Total Vehicle Miles	0	34,466	97,442	182.72%	97,442	97,442	97,442	97,442
Passenger Trips	0	266,793	794,582	197.83%	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Electricity Consumed (Kwh)	0	0	742	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	1	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	3	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	.0	88.0	77.0	-12.50%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$2,203,000	\$5,293,000	\$2,543,781	-51.94%	\$6,461,698	\$6,732,622	\$7,041,445	\$7,370,602



	2002	2003	2004	% Change	2005	2006	2007	2010
Annual Revenues								
Sales Tax	\$204,566,000	\$206,665,000	\$221,185,856	7.03%	\$223,995,978	\$236,200,530	\$251,913,671	\$266,905,567
MVET	\$0	\$61,189,000	\$64,714,218	5.76%	\$63,742,907	\$67,601,685	\$72,276,249	\$76,162,342
Farebox Revenues	\$10,374,878	\$11,624,000	\$13,205,535	13.61%	\$13,900,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,700,000	\$16,900,000
FTA JARC Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	N.A.	\$0	\$1,550,000	\$0	\$0
Other	\$45,222,000	\$15,347,000	\$10,296,359	-32.91%	\$19,948,917	\$16,305,774	\$3,793,322	\$5,004,113
Total	\$260,162,878	\$294,825,000	\$309,401,968	4.94%	\$321,587,802	\$336,657,989	\$343,683,242	\$364,972,022
Annual Operating Expenses								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$65,575,000	\$64,894,000	\$70,627,780	8.84%	\$89,157,620	\$105,747,934	\$118,354,386	\$123,932,970
Other*	\$97,829,000	\$19,281,000	\$128,566,756	566.81%	\$140,957,157	\$167,032,336	\$145,923,920	\$144,263,869
Total	\$163,404,000	\$84,175,000	\$199,194,536	136.64%	\$230,114,777	\$272,780,270	\$264,278,306	\$268,196,839
Debt Service								
Principal	\$17,164,000	\$17,164,000	\$17,163,888	0.00%	\$17,163,888	\$23,462,014	\$42,111,946	\$65,819,598
Total	\$17,164,000	\$17,164,000	\$17,163,888	0.00%	\$17,163,888	\$23,462,014	\$42,111,946	\$65,819,598
Annual Capital Purchase Obligations								
Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants	\$38,570,000	\$33,464,000	\$98,823,063		\$83,000,000	\$83,000,000	\$83,000,000	\$72,000,000
FTA JARC Program	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$1,050,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
CM/AQ and Other Federal Grants	\$0	\$0	\$4,442,860		\$28,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$17,000,000
Other State Capital Grants	\$0	\$0	\$10,000		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$256,886,000	\$338,324,000	\$0		\$470,956,309	\$814,054,081	\$759,915,615	\$452,328,159
Total	\$295,456,000	\$371,788,000	\$103,275,923	-72.22%	\$583,006,309	\$922,054,081	\$858,915,615	\$541,328,159
Ending Balances, December 31								
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$795,081,000	\$706,609,000	\$567,569,596	-19.68%	\$440,638,349	\$10,459,360	\$10,459,328	\$10,459,328
Total	\$795,081,000	\$706,609,000	\$567,569,596	-19.68%	\$440,638,349	\$10,459,360	\$10,459,328	\$10,459,328

*Other operating expenses include staff operation, noncapitalized costs such as 2004 Lynnwood HOV and Bellevue HOV, and operating projects not directly related to transit service operations.

